

An Unexpected Tribute to Revisionism

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This week the town hall of the 20 th district in Paris is housing an exposition on "Anti-Semitism from the Middle Ages to Our Time". As might well be feared from its detractors, historical revisionism finds itself reduced to an anti-Jewish phenomenon. It is designated by the term, as barbarous as it is inappropriate, of "*négationnisme*" (negationism or denial) and a ridiculous argumentation is ascribed to it. Nonetheless, the visitor can at least see certain titles, certain pages, and certain names of the world-wide revisionist literature. He can get a vague idea of what has been maintained by, for example, Richard Harwood, Arthur Robert Butz, Bradley Smith, and a clue to the contents of *The Journal of Historical Review*, *The Leuchter Report*, or the *aaargh* website. On arriving at the thirtieth and last display panel, he will note that revisionism is no longer called "*négationnisme*" but by its true name, and will observe that an unexpected tribute is rendered to a few French revisionists. At the top, he will read:

From the late 1940s, it was in France that there appeared the first revisionist publications, attempting to deny or to distort the Holocaust: the first works were by Maurice Bardèche and Paul Rassinier. Since then, revisionism has become a world-wide phenomenon of French predominance, under the stimulus, notably, of Robert Faurisson.

Then, in the reproduction of a page from *aaargh* entitled: "La Question de fond : l'inexistence des chambres à gaz" ("The fundamental question: the non-existence of the gas chambers"), it will be noted:

For years, Robert Faurisson has been the most prolific and the most influential revisionist in France. The greater part of his writings are now diffused on the Internet, for that makes any legal action all but impossible. This French website is located in the United States.

However, what today's visitor will not be aware of is that the website in question, which used to receive an average of 7,000 visits daily, has been extinct since the beginning of December 2000, when, without notice or justification, it was discontinued by its server. At the same moment the *Radio Islam* site, which diffused a plentiful revisionist output and, for its part, was getting on average 90,000 hits each day, was also shut down by the same server.

In a future exposition on the subject will it not be fitting to show that the Jews, in spite of everything, have at their disposal some especially powerful means to combat what they call anti-Semitism? It is plain to see that, even in cyberspace, they are able to compel obedience.

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